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DRY AGENTS AT WORK IN STATE CAPITAL TODAY

Federal, County And City Officials Co-operate In Sweeping Cleanup

SIXTY-FIVE PERSONS ALREADY ARRESTED

(United Press Service)
Indianapolis, Dec. 29.—With 65 persons already under arrest on charges of violating the liquor laws, federal dry agents, county deputy sheriffs and Indianapolis police late today were continuing their sweeping cleanup here.

The 65 persons were arrested in 40 soft drink parlors, pool rooms and so called "speakeasies" in Indianapolis and its environs.

A. R. Harris, director of the federal dry forces in Indiana, was acting under the government ultimatum that Indiana must be dried up at once.

Riding in automobiles, the enforcement officers, operating in nine squads, swept through Indianapolis and seized the persons for whom they held warrants. Little liquor was taken in the raids, as most of the evidence had been purchased by dry agents some time ago.

Proceedings to have legal padlocks placed on the doors of all places raided to keep them closed for more than a year were promised by George Winkler, federal dry chief, who questioned all persons arrested.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 29.—One of the most sweeping round-ups of liquor law violators in the history of Indianapolis was started today by a combined force of federal dry agents, deputy sheriffs of Marion county and city police.

Eight squads of officials, under the personal supervision of A. R. Harris, deputy federal prohibition administrator for Indiana, left the federal building early in the morning for the raids.

Forty places were to be visited and sixty-five arrests were expected to be made during the day.

Included in the suspects slated for arrest were eight women. More than twenty poolrooms and soft drink parlors were included in the places to be raided.

Liquor purchases made by federal investigators during the past six weeks furnished the evidence on.

MUNCIE HAS COSTLY FIRE

Fifty Automobiles Burn In \$60,000 Fire; \$10,000 Damage At Yorktown

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 29. — (United Press)—Two men were injured, one seriously, in destructive fires at Muncie and Yorktown early this morning.

The Muncie Motor Sales company, distributors of Nash automobiles, was gutted by flames, believed to have started from defective wiring. The three-story building was completely gutted, only the walls being left standing. Fifty automobiles, many of which were privately owned, were consumed. The loss is estimated at \$60,000.

The restaurant owned by Payton Burgess at Yorktown was destroyed, despite the combined efforts of the Yorktown and Muncie fire departments. Frank Keyes of Yorktown, a fireman was struck by falling debris and suffered two broken ribs and internal injuries. Daniel Cox, owner of the building in which the restaurant is located, suffered a badly wrenched shoulder while attempting to carry out the fixtures. The loss is estimated at \$10,000 to the buildings and fixtures. Two Muncie firemen suffered frozen hands and feet while fighting the flames at the motor company's building.

Ice Floes In Ohio River Become Worse

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 29. — (United Press)—Ice floes became worse in the Ohio river here today. A big jam threatened to hold just north of the city yesterday, but broke under its own weight. One river steamer, the Baq Queen, which failed to reach refuge in Green River, is tied up in the local harbor below the wharf.

Both traction ferries and automobile ferries to western Kentucky are still out of commission. The Cairo, Ill., ferry is reported running today.

COMMISSIONERS AWARD CONTRACT

County Dads Close Up Year's Business With Session Here Today

The county commissioners, in session today, awarded the contracts for furnishing books, blanks and printing supplies, required by the county offices next year, to the Fort Wayne Printing company and the Auburn Printing company. The former received the contract for classes one and three, and the latter, classes two and four. William B. Burford, of Indianapolis, was the other bidder. The bids were received on December 22 and carried over for action today. In several cases, the prices were higher than a year ago.

The county commissioners will meet again on New Year's day, at the auditor's office, and complete their organization by electing a president of the board. They will then go to the County Infirmary and assist in taking the annual inventory. Ed Zwick, of Preble township, and Henry Dehn, of Union township, were appointed as appraisers by the board.

Bills were allowed by the commissioners this morning and the record for the year completed.

Says Finance Committee Overstepped Its Power In Slashing Salaries

Indianapolis, Dec. 29.—Members of the state finance committee are without authority to cut the salaries of members of the state public service commission according to a ruling of Judge Harry Chamberlain on file in circuit court today.

Judge Chamberlain ruled the committee overstepped its power in attempting to cut the salaries which are set by law creating the public service commission.

The ruling of Judge Chamberlain did not go into the question of the constitutionality of the law creating the finance committee.

President Coolidge Sees Prosperity Ahead In 1926

Washington, Dec. 29. — (United Press)—President Coolidge feels that 1926 presages another year of prosperity.

General business conditions are favorable toward continuance of the high living standard maintained in this year, it was said on his behalf at the White House today.

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BELIEVE 11,000 WERE VICTIMS

Approximately \$4,000,000 Lost In Realty And Theaters Corporation

Chicago, Dec. 29.—(United Press)—Federal officials probing the affairs of the Consolidated Realty and Theaters Corporation of Chicago and Indianapolis, believe that fully 11,000 were mulcted out of approximately \$4,000,000 by the officials of the firm. Frederick H. Gruneberg, Sr., his son and 12 other officials, are under indictment charged with using the mails to defraud.

The defendants are to be arraigned in federal court here on January 7.

John J. Sonstey, attorney for the bondholders protective committee, announced he would start civil suit to collect from the personal property of the defendants. These suits will follow the criminal proceedings, he said.

The defendants are alleged to have sold bonds on property not owned by the corporation. According to the government, the corporation "never earned an honest dime."

Government agents announced that Gruneberg, Sr., paid federal income taxes on the purported full earnings of his \$20,000,000 corporation to avert suspicion. After making the payment, he started to recover the money, it is charged.

Persons in every walk of life are among the victims. School teachers, business men, laborers and professional men from Illinois and Indiana gave their savings to the corporation, government officials said. The sums ranged all the way from a few hundred to \$25,000.

Among those listed by agents as victims of the corporation are:

Frank Zipp, Evansville, Ind. \$25,000
Henry Walter and Anna Dreuer, Evansville 15,500
H. T. Chute, Evansville 12,000
Robert Moser, Evansville 10,500

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SEN. WHEELER IS FREE OF CHARGES

Indictments Charging Misuse Of Office Dismissed By Court Today

(United Press Service)
Washington, Dec. 29.—The indictments charging misuse of office against Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, were dismissed today by Justice Jennings Bailey of the district of Columbia court of appeals.

The documents accused Wheeler of conspiring with private clients to obtain more oil well drilling permits from the interior department than it is permitted under law. Bailey said the indictments did not contain sufficient charges of law violation.

Dismissal of the indictments ended the cases begun against the senator following his sensational prosecution of a senatorial investigation of the department of justice.

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The Governor



The big boss of New Mexico, during the absence of Governor J. F. Hinkle in the East, was Mrs. Soledad C. Chacon, Secretary of State, who sat in the Governor's chair while her political superior was away.

JACKSON VISITS COOLIDGE TODAY

Indiana Governor And Sen. Robinson Make Special Call On President

Washington, Dec. 29. — (United Press)—Governor Jackson, Indiana, accompanied by Senator Robinson, Republican, Indiana, whom he appointed, paid a social call on President Coolidge today.

It was the first time Governor Jackson had called on the president. Neither of the Indiana leaders would comment on possible political movements in their home state between now and the next primary, declaring there "aren't any politics or problems in Indiana just now."

MRS. CATHERINE SCHULTZ IS DEAD

Decatur Woman Dies At Home Of Son, Julius, South of City Monday

Mrs. Catherine Schultz, 73, of this city, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her son, Julius Schultz, three miles south of Decatur, after a brief illness. Death is thought to have been due to heart trouble, following a bronchial illness. Mrs. Schultz attended church in this city Sunday morning and was not confined to her bed until late Sunday. She had been spending a few days at her son's home, having gone there several days ago.

Catherine Goergen Schultz was born in Luxemburg, Europe, in 1852. She received her early education in the old country and, when 18 years of age, she came to this country with her parents, who settled in Ohio, near Tiffin. She was united in marriage to Henry Schultz many years ago. Three children were born to this union. The three children, John and Julius and Mrs. Hugo Daniels all reside in this county, the two sons living on farms near Decatur and the

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Weather

Indiana—Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Not so cold.

DISCUSS IOWA'S FARM PROBLEM

"All - Iowa" Agricultural Conference Is Held At Des Moines Today

(United Press Service)
Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 29.—Control of surplus farm crops by means of a government marketing commission is the plan which Senator Albert B. Cummins proposes to lay before the "all-Iowa" agricultural conference in session here this afternoon.

The meeting called by the Iowa Bankers' Association to provide a remedy for the poor economic condition of Iowa and other middlewestern states, with the one restriction that it shall be non-partisan, was attended by the entire Iowa delegation in congress, leading representatives of business, agricultural, industrial and labor activities in the state.

The general hope prevailed that out of this Iowa conference would arise a unified farm relief program acceptable to President Coolidge and Secretary Jardine and all the cooperative farm groups in the corn belt states.

Senator Cummins, proposed marketing commission, he told the United Press, would first of all determine through government channels the amount of surplus that exists in a given crop and would then purchase this surplus at foreign prices plus the duty and sell it abroad at a loss.

Opposition to such a plan on the grounds that the government would be setting itself up in business, as voiced by the administration would be eliminated because the loss incurred in the transaction would be paid back to the government by an excise tax levied the following year.

President Coolidge can be won over to the plan, Cummins believes, if all the cooperative farm groups of the country line up in a solid phalanx behind his proposal.

Heretofore, so many views and

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COLD WAVE IS BREAKING UP

Moderating Temperatures Prevail Throughout Indiana Today

(United Press Service)
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 29. — The backbone of the winter's worst cold wave was broken in Indiana today.

Moderating temperatures prevailed throughout the state after three days of intense cold during which the mercury hovered around zero or dropped below.

In Indianapolis at 7 a. m. today the weather bureau thermometer registered six degrees above zero, six degrees higher than that at the same hour yesterday.

Correspondingly high temperatures were reported over the state with the weather bureau forecasting a maximum temperature of 20 degrees or more today and continued moderating weather tomorrow.

Snow or rain was forecast for New Year's Day.

New Estimate Placed On Speed Of The Solar System Through Space

Blow Struck At Einstein Theory Of Relativity By Dr. Dayton C. Miller Of Cleveland, Ohio; Speed Of Solar System Now Estimated At Ten Times As Great As Previously Thought; Sun Moving Through Space With Speed Of 120 Miles A Second.

By David Dietz (Science Editor, Cleveland Press)

(Written for United Press)
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—A blow that may prove fatal to the Einstein theory of relativity will be struck late today when Dr. Dayton C. Miller, of Cleveland, president of the American Physical Society, reads a paper before the convention of the American Association for the advancement of science, detailing an experiment he has been carrying on atop Mount Wilson, California, for the last six years.

In an exclusive interview, Dr. Miller related the results of which he is going to announce, results, which, in the opinion of scientists who have

been following Miller's work closely, knock one of the chief foundations out from under the Einstein theory.

Dr. Miller has been working to detect the motion of the earth and solar system through the ether of space. According to Einstein, it was impossible to detect any such motion. The whole theory of relativity rests largely upon this fact.

Not only has Dr. Miller succeeded in detecting this motion, which is technically known as the "ether drift," but in addition, he had succeeded in measuring its direction and size, he says.

Therefore, for the first time in the

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Funeral For Werling Boy To Be Held Thursday

Funeral services for Wilbert Werling, 15-year-old son of Charles Werling, of Preble township, who was fatally injured Monday, when the shotgun with which he was hunting was accidentally discharged, will be held from the Preble Lutheran church at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Burial will be made in the church cemetery. Wilbert was a pupil in the Kirkland township high school and was a leader in that school. He was a popular boy and his many friends are grieved over his fatal accident.

MAKING PLANS FOR MEETINGS

Fine Co-operation Being Shown In Preparations For Evangelistic Services

Preparations for the simultaneous evangelistic meetings to be held by the Protestant churches of Decatur beginning January 10, are going forward daily. The pastors report that splendid co-operation is being shown by everybody concerned. One of the local pastors today made the following comment on the church and community matter:

"In spite of all the counter-currents of thought and action affecting adversely the church life of the day, it is good to pause for a few moments again and again and quietly, thoughtfully and with thanksgiving take cognizance of certain facts, the consideration of which breeds encouragement and optimism. A spirit, which is greatly needed in these trying times.

"First—Churches and ministers are in much more friendly relations to one another now than ever before. This spells co-operation on the part of the various churches for the advancement of a common cause and incidentally enlarges the chance for success.

"Second—The fractional part of the membership of other commercial, civic, social, educational and fraternal organizations living upon the higher levels of thought are in a more friendly relation to the church than in former days. This attitude, rightly interpreted and used, spells community wide co-operation with the real church in real live matters.

"Third—From the head of organized government in this nation, down to states, cities, towns, hamlets and open country side, there is acknowledgment of the fact that the most needed and most powerful factor for reconstruction and restoration in these chaotic times is the Religion of the Church of Jesus Christ. This spells a final, nation wide return to the altars of the church.

"With these and other reflections, which cannot be mentioned in the space allotted, in mind it is refreshing to note the fine co-operative spirit manifested by the ministers, churches and kindred organizations in Decatur. These conditions lie back of and are to be taken as a prophecy of success in the approaching Simultaneous Revival Campaign. If the Churchman Life of this city can be elevated to the high levels mentioned, lasting good will come to the entire community life."

GROVER BOVAE DIES SUDDENLY

Motorman On Decatur-Fort Wayne Traction Line Dies At Fort Wayne

Grover Bovae, a motorman on the Fort Wayne and Decatur traction line and residing just east of Decatur on the cement road, dropped dead in a physician's office in Fort Wayne yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bovae had gone to Fort Wayne to consult a physician regarding an illness with which he had been suffering. Death was said to have been due to apoplexy.

Mr. Bovae was born in 1871, and lived most of his life in Fort Wayne before coming to this city about a year and a half ago. His wife and one daughter, Mrs. Floyd Brown, of Fort Wayne, survive. He was a member of the United Brethren church and was affiliated with the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

It could not be learned today, when funeral services would be held, but they will be in Fort Wayne, probably Thursday. The body will not be brought to this city, but will be taken to the home of the deceased man's daughter, Mrs. Brown.

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HUNDREDS OF OLD GRADS AT HOME-COMING

Reunion Is Highly Successful Affair; 350 Persons Attend Banquet

SIMILAR EVENTS ARE PLANNED FOR FUTURE

Old timers, who shot paper wads at each other in the early eighties and wooed their sweethearts to the tune of the minuet vied with the younger lads and lassies of the "Charleston" period in the high school alumni banquet, held at the Decatur high school yesterday, while those of all the decades in between laughed and made merry, sang their songs, waltzed, two-stepped and cheered. In other words, the affair was a wonderful success.

While no steps were taken in organization, it was generally understood that all those who registered yesterday thus became members of the alumni and are in line for the next event. It was not decided whether or not the alumni banquet should be held annually, but it is agreed that in 1926 there will be held a Golden Jubilee, that being the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the high school and that's to be a good one, with everybody here. So all are urged to plan now to attend when that date arrives.

Many Enjoy Banquet
About three hundred and fifty persons sat down to the banquet table and enjoyed the splendid menu prepared by the domestic science classes, under direction of Miss Ruth Frisinger, instructor, who did her part in a very wonderful manner. It's a real job to plan and carry out such an undertaking and the young ladies did this so well that everyone was pleased and delighted with the service and with the delicious food. During the afternoon, exactly 311 persons registered and received their tags, designating who they were and what period of school was theirs.

Old Days Are Recalled
At 4 o'clock, C. A. Dugan, superintendent from 1888 to 1891, inclusive, had the gongs sounded, everyone repaired to the auditorium and the Prof. was soon back in the days which he made famous by instigating the rubber hose as the instrument of torture for disobeying youngsters. And Mr. Dugan was equal to this occasion as he was in those old days. He put on a program, largely impromptu, and entertained those present for two hours, interspersing

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